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Three Hundred Million Bushel Crop in 1915

Farmers pay for their land with one year's crop and prosperity was never so great.

Regarding Western Canada as a grain producer, a prominent business man says: "Canada's position today is sounder than ever. There is more wheat, more oats, more grain for feed, 20% more cattle than last year and more hogs. The war market in Europe needs our surplus. As for the wheat crop, it is marvelous and a monument of strength for business confidence to build upon, exceeding the most optimistic predictions."

Wheat averaged in 1915 over 25 bushels per acre
Oats averaged in 1915 over 45 bushels per acre
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Prices are high, markets convenient, excellent land, low in price either improved or otherwise, ranging from \$12 to \$30 per acre. Free homestead lands are plentiful and not far from railway lines and convenient to good schools and churches. The climate is healthful.

There is no war tax on land, nor is there any conscription. For complete information as to best locations for settlement, reduced railroad rates and descriptive illustrated pamphlet, address Superintendent Immigration, Ottawa, or G. A. Cook, 2012 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.; C. J. Roughton, Room 412, 112 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. Canadian Government Agents

Copenhagen has prohibited the wearing of unprotected hats in women in street cars.

BABY'S ITCHING SKIN

Quickly Soothed and Healed by Cuticura. Trial Free.

Bathe with hot water and Cuticura Soap. If there is any irritation about gently with Cuticura Ointment on end of finger. Refreshing slumber for restless, fretful babies usually follows the use of these super-creamy emollients. They are a boon to tired mothers.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address Postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

It's perfectly safe to loan money to a man who promptly returns a borrowed silk umbrella.

SOAP IS STRONGLY ALKALINE and constant use will burn out the scalp. Cleanse the scalp by shampooing with "La Creole" Hair Dressing, and darken, in the natural way, those ugly, grizzly hairs. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The naughty schoolboy is always glad when he sees the teacher law down the rule.

FRECKLES

Now is the time to get rid of these. There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription, "Albino-Doube," strength is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of Albino-Doube strength from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is freckles that more than one once is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength Albino-Doube. As this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles. Adv.

The Bohemian 1915 hop crop is estimated at 11,000,000 pounds, 50 per cent decrease compared to the crop of 1914.

The only excuse some people have for marrying is that the woman wants a home and the man wants a servant.

Careful investigation reveals truth.

Clean the Blood

Spring is the time of the year when we should put our house in order. We're run down after a hard winter—after grip, colds, catarrh. It's time to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, purely vegetable and free from alcohol or narcotics. It will search out impure and poisonous matter and drive it from the system. Buy "Discovery" now in tablets or liquid.

It will dissolve the poisonous accumulations and replace the bad blood it drives out, with rich, pure blood full of vital force.

It will clear the skin; eczema, pimples, rash, blotches will dry up and disappear; boils, carbuncles and other evidences of tainted blood will pass away, never to appear again.

A NEW DISCOVERY

"Anurie" is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that "Anurie" is a wonderful eliminator of uric acid. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anurie" acts; and in gravel and gout, invariably the pains and stiffness rapidly disappear.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anurie," or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial pkg.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

March 14, 1915.

French occupied Vauquois, in the Argonne, and Emmerent.

British repelled German attack on Neuve Chapelle.

Belgians made gains on the Yser.

Russians checked German advance in the Mlawa region.

Three British cruisers sank German cruiser Dresden near Juan Fernandez island.

French steamer Auguste Consell sunk by German submarine.

March 15, 1915.

French captured trenches north of Arras.

Germans drove back British south of Ypres but were beaten at Neuve Chapelle.

Russians captured chief eastern defense of Przemyśl.

Severe fighting in Bukovina and in ice fields of the Carpathians.

Britain refused to modify blockade order.

March 16, 1915.

Belgians crossed the Yser and drove Germans from trenches south of Nieuport.

Russians recaptured St. Eli.

Russians drove back Teuton army that was marching on Przemyśl.

Russians routed Turks in Armenia.

Vice-Admiral Carden succeeded by Vice-Admiral de Robeck at Dardanelles.

German liner Macedonia, interned at Canary Islands, escaped.

March 17, 1915.

Belgians carried two positions in Yser region.

Westende was bombarded.

Russians crossed German frontier in two places.

Battle being fought for possession of Tarnowice.

British lost three mine sweepers in the Dardanelles.

March 18, 1915.

Belgian army advanced further in Yser region.

Germans vainly shelled heights of Notre Dame de Lorette.

Turkish soldiers killed civilians in Urumiah district, Persia.

British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet sunk by mines in Dardanelles; 600 lost with Bouvet.

French submarine sunk and other warships of allies damaged.

German submarine sank British steamer Glenartney in English channel.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden protested against British blockade of Germany.

Bombs from a Zeppelin killed seven in Calais.

Roumanian government seized shells in transit from Germany to Turkey.

March 19, 1915.

British and Germans fought in underground passages of Ramscapelle monastery.

Memel, German port on Baltic, occupied by Russians.

Von Hindenburg started new offensive in Central Poland.

Russians took Archawa from Turks.

British steamers Hyndford and Bluejacket torpedoed in English channel.

March 20, 1915.

Russians won battle in streets of Memel.

Sortie by Przemyśl garrison repulsed.

Holland protested against trade embargo.

Persian government called on Russia to evacuate province of Azerbaijan.

Famous Factory to Reopen.

The famous King Teh Cheong porcelain factory, which from the year 1396 furnished all the fine porcelain for the royal palaces of China, is to be reopened. This factory was partly destroyed during the revolution in which the republic was established and the various samples and patterns kept there were divided among the leading revolutionists. However, many patterns have been recovered, together with samples, and the next step is awaited with interest.

Ready for Him.

"Tomorrow, gentlemen," said the professor in a lecture on taking notes, "I will bring in my cards and show you my card system." Voice: "O. K., doc. Fetch some chips and we'll have a regular party."—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Ambiguous.

Staylate—"Yes, I've been very ill. Everyone thought I was going to die, but I didn't, you see." Miss Weereigh—"Oh! that's too bad. I'm awfully sorry."

Had Made a Good Start.

"I am absolutely convinced that my arguments are correct," said the earnest man. "Well," replied Senator Sorgum, "it's a good start. You're got one man converted, anyhow."—Topeka Journal.

Wise Widow.

"Blank married a rich widow, but they don't get along very well." "What's the trouble, her disposition?" "Yes, her disposition to handle all her money herself."—Boston Evening Transcript.

NEWS and GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON

Smithsonian Scientist Finds Bees Can Smell

WASHINGTON—Experiments with 5,500 honey bees recently completed by Dr. N. E. McIndoo of the Smithsonian institution have led him to the conclusion that bees can smell and taste. The two senses are combined so closely that the scientist says they cannot be separated.

In testing the senses of these insects the following substances were the most important ones used: Vinegar, lime sulphur, kerosene, carbolic acid, formic acid, oil of peppermint, quinine and strychnine and various other salts mixed with cane sugar and honey.

The experiments show that bees like honey best of all foods, and that they are able to distinguish the difference between various kinds of honey. Doctor McIndoo also discovered that bees don't like oil of peppermint.

Doctor McIndoo's tests during four years convince him that the sense of smell of the bee is much keener than that of man, and that it serves him as a sense of smell and taste combined.

The department of agriculture also has been interesting itself in bees and is pointing out to beekeepers their needs, especially during the long flowerless winters.

The investigators of the department found, for instance, that fully 10 per cent of the colonies of bees in the country are lost each winter from starvation, cold and similar causes. One of the principal reasons for trouble is that the owners of colonies are not willing to allow their tiny laborers to retain a sufficient supply of the honey they have gathered to feed them even on a low ration, or in lieu of this to supply sugar syrup.

Another trouble is that the owners fail to make any provision for solving the temperature problem, assuming that the bees can manage to get through the winter's cold without trouble. As a matter of fact, he government's bee specialists point out the hives containing the insects should be packed carefully for the winter by being placed in a larger case, the space between being filled with sawdust, dry leaves, cork chips or other insulating material.

Plant Explorer Brings Specimens From Asia

FROM wanderings and explorations in the remote provinces of China, up into Tibet, across the stretches of the Gobi desert, into Russian Turkestan, across the Altai mountains, and through the virgin forests of the upper Yalu and Tumen rivers, Frank N. Meyer, plant explorer for the department of agriculture, has returned to Washington, bearing with him, in the form of hundreds of specimens carefully assorted, labeled and classified, new and strange plants, seeds, leaves, roots and cuttings that may, after thorough investigation and exhaustive tests, prove of incalculable value to the farmers, fruit growers and gardeners of the United States.

Startling as have been the adventures of other explorers of the earth's uncharted and unmapped regions, none of these have been of more interest than have befallen Mr. Meyer in his wanderings about the unknown regions that lie above and back of China. Indeed, his fourth and latest trip was cut short and he was forced to abandon his prearranged program because his bearers were strongly disinclined to enter the wilds of a hitherto unpenetrated portion of Tibet in the face of declarations by Tibetans that should they proceed they would most certainly be boiled alive in oil.

In search of plants of immediate economic importance to agriculture Mr. Meyer has traversed the fertile plains and the immense stretches of the steppes of eastern Siberia, and has penetrated the jungles and the deserts where grow the rudimentary and as yet unused wild plants that may by cultivation be adapted to the use of man. Among his discoveries is the wild peach of China, believed by present-day scientists and botanists to be the parent stock. A wild pear is another discovery of this quiet Hollander on Uncle Sam's pay roll. This wild pear, sturdy, hardy and strongly resistant to diseases such as prove almost insuperable obstacles in the way of fruit growers, is to be used in tests and investigations as grafting stock, in the hope that in it may be found the solution of the problem of eradicating pear blight and other tree diseases that for years have wrought havoc in American orchards. A hitherto unknown variety of chestnut, strongly resistant to the deadly chestnut blight that has killed thousands of trees in eastern United States, was another of Mr. Meyer's discoveries.

Varieties of wild grapes and wild plums that may prove invaluable to American horticulturists are also among the discoveries of this scout of science, who has brought back with him cuttings and roots and seeds to be tested at the various experiment stations of the department of agriculture.

Story of the Auto, the Copper and the Negro

DURING the icy downpour of sleet that engulfed Washington on a recent day, one of Major Pullman's finest stood beneath the awning at the entrance to Keith's theater incased in his water-proof cape and watched the pedestrians floundering about in the slush.

Two handsomely dressed women left the theater and crossed the street to an automobile. Getting inside the machine, they wrapped themselves snugly in and gave two or three yanks and pulls at the steering apparatus, but the car didn't budge. This process was repeated several times, when the guardian of the law, observing their predicament, hastened from his station under the awning and volunteered assistance. The cop gave the iron starting handle a twist or two, but there was no visible sign of life in the car. He tried it again, and then again and again. Gradually a crowd of sympathetic eyewitnesses gathered and offered advice. The "cop" gave his cap to a newsboy to hold and then he tried it again. For some strange reason the car refused to move. Evidently the carburetor was sick or some other ailment peculiar to automobiles had seized the machine.

"Let me get a trial at this car, boss," said a dusky son of toil, shoving his way through the little circle. No one objected and, taking a firm grip on the handle, the darkey ran it around a couple of times. A pause for breath and he tried it again. The response was instantaneous, and as the motor commenced to work everybody laughed. The ladies expressed their thanks, the crowd dissolved, and the "cop" wended his weary way back up Fifteenth street to Keith's.

What the policeman had to say about automobiles as he strode along was confidential, but it was a comment which deserves to go down as "concise and peppery."

Bomb Scare Interrupted the Senatorial Labors

THE senate office building one afternoon recently was humming with the rapid workings of legislative machinery. But just as Senator Blank turned to Senator Dash and inquired "How many cards" a page entered in hot haste to whisper in the senatorial ear.

The senator gasped and, arising hastily and wrapping his senatorial dignity about him, took the shortest route to the door. He was followed by others, as the rumor spread that a German spy had been found in the garret and was about to drop a bomb down the elevator shaft.

But it was all wrong, Von Reventlow, it was all wrong. He wasn't a German, anyway; he was an Italian named Volpe Tommagu, and he didn't have any bomb, and he was caught by a policeman and taken where he belonged—to St. Elizabeth's, which is the Washington name for Matteawan.

N. B.—Senator Dash ultimately took three cards, but he didn't better. At the German court it is against etiquette for the emperor to shake hands with anyone who is not of royal rank.

Joseph Chouteau, who is now eighty-four years of age, is still sought by clients as the leader of the bar.



Colds Make Backs Ache

MORE aching backs, more kidney troubles come in March, than in any other month. Slushy sidewalks, dampness, raw winds and sudden changes cause chills and colds. And chills or colds tend to hurt the kidneys. It is good sense to use a kidney remedy when recovering from a cold and at any time when suffering from a lame back, sharp pains when stooping or lifting, dizzy spells, irregular or annoying kidney action, and a run-down, nervous state.

Don't delay and take a chance of getting droopy, gravel, Bright's disease or some other serious kidney disease. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the best-recommended, special kidney remedy. All over the world grateful people frankly praise Doan's.

Here's What Illinois People Say:

Benjamin F. Bellamey, Vienna, Ill., says: "My back was sore and lame and I could hardly work. I am exposed a great deal and subject to jarring and jolting and I believe that caused the backache. Every time I took cold, the trouble came on. Two or three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me and I haven't been troubled since."

Mrs. H. M. Jensen, 109 Nebraska St., Woodstock, Ill., says: "I suffered almost constantly for two years from pain in my back and soreness across my kidneys. When I caught cold, it made the trouble worse, and I was hardly able to do my household work. I had dizzy and weak spells. I improved steadily on using Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains soon disappeared. I have had no need of a kidney medicine since."

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

At All Stores, 50c a Box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Exercise.

Visitor—Do you give your dog any exercise?

Owner—Yes, he goes for a tramp every day.—Burr.

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Proof Positive.

Knicker—Is Smith a prominent man?

Bocker—He must be; he hasn't been suggested for the cabinet.

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.

You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

Love may be blind, but it can usually locate the almighty dollar.

If Your Baby Has Croupy Cold Joplin Mothers Can Advise You

They recommend the "Outside" Application of Vap-O-Rub Instead of Harmful Internal Dosing.

Intelligent mothers everywhere realize that little children should be dosed sparingly, and yet some treatment for cold troubles is necessary. Joplin, Mo., mothers have solved this problem by the use of Vap-O-Rub. This is the "external" Southern treatment introduced here last winter. Applied at night over the throat and chest, the heat of the body releases the ingredients in the form of vapors, and thus the medication is inhaled with each breath through the air passages to the lungs. Vap-O-Rub gives quicker relief than internal medicines, and can be used freely with perfect safety on the smallest child.

Mrs. Mabel Hawkins, 1407 Pearl St., Joplin, writes—"My druggist sent me a trial jar of Vick's Vap-O-Rub, and my baby girl, eleven months old, had a severe cold and was threatened with pneumonia. I applied Vap-O-Rub on her throat and chest, and covered with a warm flannel cloth, and it worked like magic. I have four small children and now if they get croupy in the evening I rub them with Vick's Vap-O-Rub Salve—and that is all that is necessary."

Mrs. J. W. Drew, 822 Ohio Ave., Joplin, says—"I have used Vap-O-Rub frequently on the whole family with splendid results. I think it much better than internal medicines."

Mrs. S. M. Black, 206 Moffett Ave., Joplin, writes—"Last spring I had a very deep cold with a bad cough and sore throat. The first night I used Vap-O-Rub the soreness left my throat, and the third day after I had begun to use my cough, cold and sore throat all were gone. I think it better than anything I have ever used for colds."

Three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.

VICK'S VAPORUB SALVE

COLT DISTEMPER

You can prevent this loathsome disease from running through your stable and cure all the colts suffering with it when you begin the treatment. No matter how young, SPOHN'S is safe to use on any colt. It is wonderful how it prevents all distempers, no matter how colds or horses at any age are "exposed." All good druggists and turf goods houses and manufacturers sell SPOHN'S at 50 cents and \$1 a bottle; \$5 and \$10 a dozen. SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goschen, Ind., U. S. A.

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